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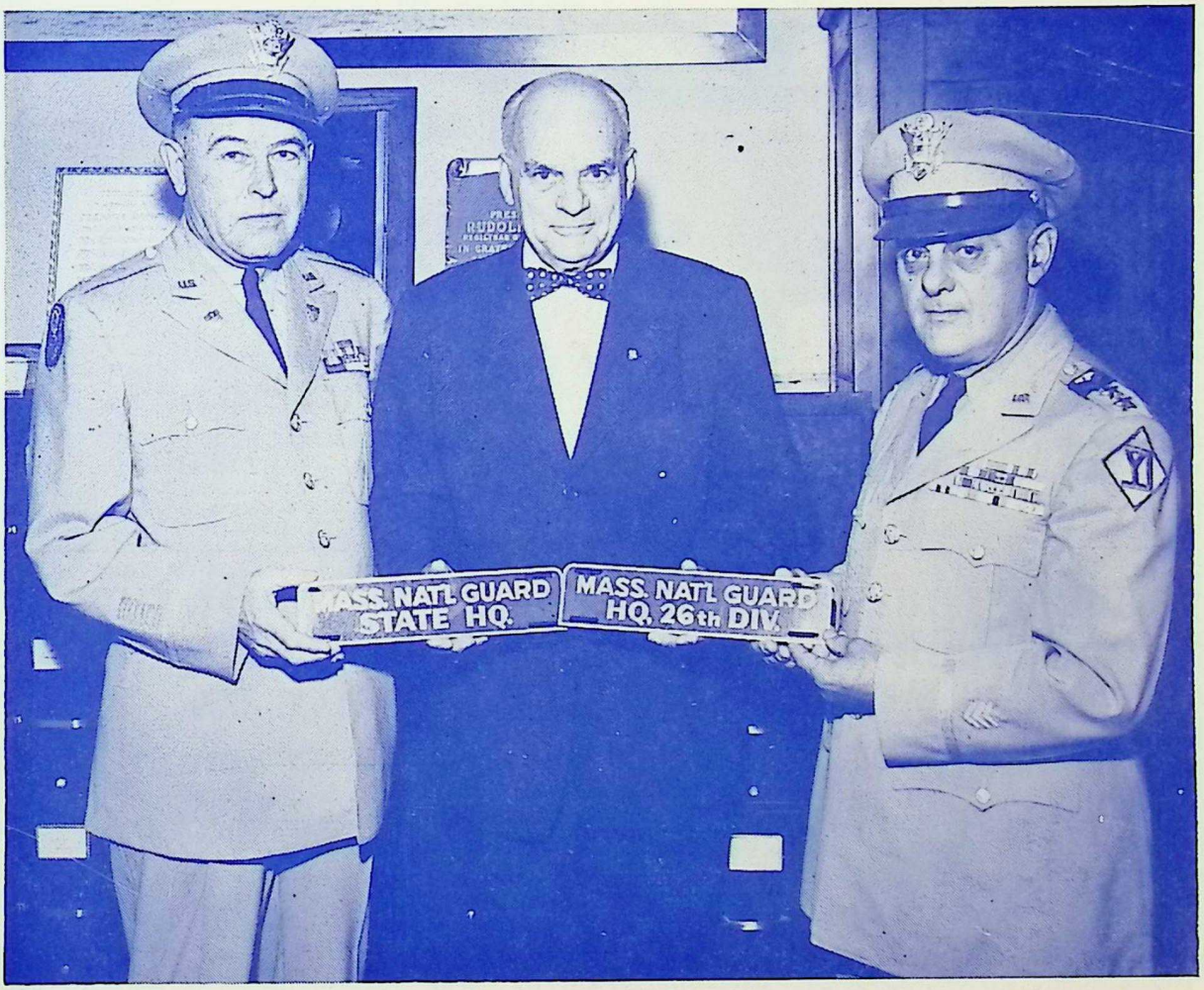

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NATIONAL COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Comrades:

Now that we are starting on the sixth month since our convention at Manchester, N. H., almost all of the Chapters have started on their fall work in their different communities, and the increasing membership has been noted with pleasure. I would like very much for the Department Commanders to contact the Chapters to see if there is anything that can be done to assist them in any way in their membership drives so that when the year 1956 comes around, it will show an increase over last year.

I wish to thank the committee on Past National Commander Meikle's testimonial, which was held in Bristol, Conn., for the splendid dinner and the great attendance. Also, I wish to give thanks to each and every member who attended the testimonial, and I wish to express my appreciation for the fine turn-out to the National Executive meeting.

Soon we will be in the holiday season, Thanksgiving being a short time away, and we do have a lot for which we can be thankful. I am thankful for the fine comment I received in the last issue of the *Yankee Doings*. We are endeavoring to give you the news as we receive it and keep you posted, but we need your help. If all the Chapters and Departments will send in the happenings in their communities, we can provide a more interesting magazine for our readers.

I am thankful that you elected me to be your National Commander for the year 1955 and 1956, and will try to build a bigger and better Y.D.V.A., but I require the assistance of each and every member.

I was present at the memorial service which was held in Westfield, Mass., in honor of our departed Comrades and I listened to the roll call of forty-seven Comrades of the 104th Inf., who had passed on during the last year. This was a very impressive service, and not only were there representatives from several cities and representatives from other organizations, but there was also a large gathering of Comrades from the 104th Inf. I also attended a coffee hour at the new Holyoke Veterans' Hospital and then the meeting of the Department of Massachusetts.

I have accepted the invitation of the Lynn Chapter to attend their annual dinner and ball, and also, the very impressive memorial service. I expect to be in Stamford,

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Connecticut Friday, Nov. 11, in time for their celebration, military ball, and parade, the first Veterans' Day celebration to be held in Stamford.

I would like to wish all members of Y.D.V.A. and its Auxiliaries, a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. And may God give us the health and strength to "carry on."

Clarence L. Anderson,
National Commander.

National Commander and Mrs. Anderson wish to thank the Veterans' Council and YD Chapter of Stamford, Conn., for the invitation to attend their first Veterans' Day celebration as their guest. On our arrival we were met in the hotel lobby by the ladies of the Auxiliary and invited to stay with them until the Committee arrived. Then we were taken to the dining room where a lovely roast beef dinner was served to about 60 guests. Your Commander then met with the officials and marched with them to the reviewing stand to review the parade. Past Commander Al Herman and wife, Commander Henry Moore of New York Chapter then arrived. Al escorted the ladies to the reviewing stand. One of the best parades your Commander has seen.

Back to the hotel to visit with the boys. Then we were invited and driven to the Al Herman's home and to visit the dugout. Such a grand place, one could spend hours going over all the YD activities and sights. We were then entertained at supper with the Hermans by Commander Moore and wife. I was presented with a new soft hat by Al, who is sure one grand guy.

Then we were all off to the Marine Ball at the State Armory, where two anniversary cakes and the trophies were to be presented. We were then driven back by the Commander of the Stamford Chapter.

We intended to start for home on Saturday morning but had to promise to attend the YD Annual Dinner and memorial service as their guests. As we were to be in Concord, N. H. Sunday, we sent a telegram that we would come there direct from Conn. We were sure pleased that we did stay. Al was master of ceremonies and a darn good one. The memorial was a beautiful and touching one. There I met so many and some from my own Company. We were then taken back to the Hotel by the Chairman of the convention Joseph La Volsi, a grand fellow with a spark and get up and go we sure need in the YD. We thank him and his wife for their kindness. Had some new members come in that night.

To make our week-end a complete success was a telephone call from Past Commander Jim Meikle on our return to the hotel, thanks a million, Jim. I was sorry not to be able to attend the State Meeting in Torrington on Sunday. Have promised to make one during the year. Leaving Stamford at 6:30 Sunday morning and making two short stops in Athol, Mass., we made Concord, N. H. at 12:30 arriving safely home at 8:30 P.M. — a week-end well spent thanks to all.

Your National Commander and wife.

YD POST 290 A.L.

On the evening of October 24, 1955, YD Post 290 A.L. installed Joseph N. Brackett, a former member of the 101st F.S.Bn. WW-I, as commander. Suffolk County Commander Alfred Beaton, assisted by his County Sergeant-at-Arms, installed.

The installation, held in the spacious cocktail lounge of the YD Club of Boston, was proceeded by a cocktail party and a social get-to-gether of members of the Post, their friends and many representatives of Posts throughout the Department of Massachusetts. The other officers installed were: Senior Vice Cmdr., John Dewire, WW-II;

Junior Vice Comdr., Daniel Donovan, WW-II; Adjutant, Past Comdr. Farrell Trayers, WW-II; F. O., Past Comdr. William P. Riley, WW-I; Chaplain, Past Comdr. Andrew (Scotty) Duncan, WW-I; Sergeant-at-Arms, Past Comdr. Henry Crawford, WW-II.

The Ladies Auxiliary, Post 290 A.L., served refreshments to the members and guests after the installation and during the dancing that followed. It is very evident that the veterans of the second great war are taking over in the affairs of the American Legion from the Post to the National Level. Every veteran of the second war and the Korea Action are eligible for membership in the YD Post 290 A. L., and all are cordially invited to join with us in carrying-on the great traditions of the Yankee Division Post.

Department Commander Gabriel T. Olga, gave a short but spirited speech relative to the outcome of the resolution, before the National Convention of the American Legion, in Florida, that proposed that a straight pension be granted all WW-I veterans regardless of age or financial standing. This resolution was defeated.

All Post meetings, from now on, will start promptly at 8:30 P.M. on each second Monday of each month.

New Bedford Holds National Guard Sunday

The first annual National Guard Sunday was held in New Bedford by the 212 FA Bn, 182 RCT. The program consisted of a church parade with religious field services conducted at Buttonwood Park by the various service Chaplains, a breakfast at the State Armory, and prominent speakers from military and civilian life.

The project was handled in its entirety by non-coms of the Battalion, headed by M/Sgt. William P. McCarthy, and his staff consisted of five members from each of the five units of the organization, which manned the various planning committees. The 86 Army Band from Charlestown was on hand, along with various city groups, and the entire occasion literally took over the city for the day.

Kinney Trophy Awarded

One of the oldest and most colorful of military ceremonies took place one Sunday afternoon when several hundred Guardsmen of the "North Shore's Own" 102 FA Bn (Second Corps Cadets) marched to Salem Common for a formal Retreat Parade to award the Lt. Col. Richard G. Kinney Trophy to Btry A which was proven the most efficient during the past training year.

Highlighting the traditional ceremony was the commissioning of six non coms of the 102nd, Sgts. Raymond L. Bass, of Beverly, John J. Doyle, of Peabody, Frederick L. McCarthy, of Marblehead, Robert D. Midgley, of Salem, Arthur E. Mignault, of Salem, and Frederick L. Murtaugh, of Peabody were sworn in as Second Lieutenants on the same ground which was set apart in 1714 as a training ground for the militia, the Second Corps Cadets.

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Testimonial Dinner for Past National Commander James F. B. Meikle

On October 15th a testimonial dinner was held in honor of Past National Commander James F. B. Meikle, at the Elks' Home in Bristol, Connecticut. The committee was headed by Past National Sergeant-at-Arms Howard W. Titus, who was most ably assisted by Charles Goudreault, Sam Strupp, William Thompson and Fred Bauer.

Although the night was one of the meanest that we have had this year—with the rain and floods confining Bristol to only one road in and out—close to two hundred valient and stout hearted men and their wives attended. It showed the high esteem felt for the man who held the National Commandership during the last year.

The large modern hall was beautifully decorated with a bountiful display of flowers in yellow and blue. At each place setting there was a diminuative replica of a pup tent with a placard bearing the statement "JIM MEIKLE SLEPT HERE," a very unique favor, dreamed up and designed by auxiliary member Olive Strupp.

Due to the emergency conditions in Bristol, a number of the invited guests, namely, the Mayor and the Chiefs of the Police and Fire Departments, were understandab'y unable to attend. The M.C. was P.N.C. Al Herman, Mr. Y.D., himself, who did an outstanding job in extolling the accomplishments of Jim Meikle during the past year and introducing variety, humor and sincerity into the program. Al Herman arrived back in Norwalk that night in the wee hours of the morning and did not disrobe for two days due to the drastic conditions caused by the October 15th flood in Norwalk.

Olive Strupp, representing Bristol Chapter Auxiliary, presented the Commander's wife Dorothy, with a beautiful bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums with the traditional lettering in blue and she then asked that in return, the privilege of kissing the P.N.C. be accorded her. William Thompson presented to "Jim" an appropriately engraved wrist watch, and Jim in return for loyal services rendered, presented gifts to Al Pacifici, Guy Watts and Howard Titus. Mrs. Meikle presented her loyal helpers with tokens of appreciation. Among those at the head table was your present Commander Clarence Anderson and his wife and the present president of the National Auxiliary, Mable Ross. The other distinguished guests at the dinner were too many to enumerate, but they were all there. Paying tribute to Jim were representatives from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and New York.

Jim assured the assembly that: "although my term of office has expired, I still wish to keep the spirit of Y.D.V.A. alive by helping in any capacity in which I may be called upon."

Massachusetts National Guard (26th YD) Commended For Flood Work

Official commendation from the Commander-in-Chief, Gov. Christian A. Herter, for members of the Massachusetts National Guard who participated in flood relief has been received by the Adj. Gen. Maj. Gen. William H. Harrison, Jr.

Governor Herter's commendation reads as follows:

"Dear General Harrison: Many people have spoken of the outstanding job done by the members of the Massachusetts State Guard in the flood-stricken areas during the recent disaster.

On behalf of the people of the Commonwealth, may I extend to them my heartiest congratulations for a job well done. Their presence and attention to duty made life a little easier on all those who already had suffered so much from the floods."

Brig. Gen. Otis M. Whitney, Commissioner of Public Safety, expressed the appreciation of the Massachusetts State Police for the cooperative efforts of the National Guard.

While commending all personnel who participated in flood relief work, General Whitney has a special praise and appreciation for the DUKW operators who performed outstandingly.

In calling the commendations to the attention of all personnel of the Massachusetts National Guard, General Harrison added "Well done!"

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YD Division Veterans Association National Executive Committee Meetings

Bristol, Conn., Oct. 15, 1955

The last regular meeting of the National Executive Committee of the YD Veterans Association was held on Saturday, October 15, 1955 at the Elks Club, Bristol, Conn.

The meeting was opened by National Commander Anderson at 4:45 P.M. with the following present: National Officers:—Commander, Treasurer, Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, Americanization Officer, Assistant Judge Advocate, Past National Commanders: Bourget, Miekle, O'Connor, Herman, Brunton, Bourn; Chapter Commanders, Balise, Moore, Goudreault; Department Commanders, Dickson, Reimer, Rickkerl. Guests: Gilliam, Weiler, Trudel, Beckwith, Crokan, Schacht, Bird.

Salute to colors:—Prayer.

The Secretary read the report of the previous meeting. Accepted.

Treasurer Pacifici read a detailed report of the finances of the Association: Accepted as read and placed on file.

Unfinished Business: Letter was read from the Northampton Chapter by National Treasurer Pacifici. It contained an offer of 5% of the receipts of earnings of the Annie Childs Fund. This was a vote of the Chapter.

After much discussion it was voted that a letter be written to the Northampton Chapter suggesting that the sum of $40.00 each year will be acceptable to the YD Veterans Association for their services in managing the Fund. A motion was made to this effect.

Al Lindgren on Unfinished business spoke on the YD victims from the Flood. Only named one from the Valley Chapter and four names were given from the Bristol Chapter who had donated $100.00 to each of the victims and the Auxiliary $25.00. It was suggested that a letter be sent to National Secretary telling of the fund being raised by the Connecticut Department, and that National Headquarters would send out the letter to all names on stencils there. All contributions to be sent to Sam Marcus, Treasurer, 382 Iristan Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.

New Business:—Commander Moore of the New York Chapter introduced Robert Dickson, Commander of the Department of the East. Commander Dickson spoke on the work done on the next Convention to try and see if the New York Chapter could be able to handle it in New York City. Has interviewed several Hotels in New York. The New Yorker has the most reasonable rates and can handle the Convention. The dinner would cost $6.75 and the Registration would have to be $10.00 per person. Can get free tickets for Telecasts on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

A Motion was made, Seconded and Passed that this be left in the hands of the New York Chapter and they will decide at their next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Springfield, Mass., Nov. 20, 1955

The last regular meeting of the National Executive Committee of the YD Veterans Association was held at the YD Club of Springfield, November 20, 1955.

The meeting was opened by National Commander Clarence Anderson at 3:25 P.M. with the following present: National Officers—Commander, Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Assistant Service Officer, Americanization Officer, Past National Commanders—Brunton, McCormack; Chapter Commanders—Balise, Tarleton, Curto. At Large, Nute. Guests: Gilliam, Bird, Goodwin, Accorsi, Scaglarini, LaValley, Crockan, Beach, Patch, Johnson.

The National Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were accepted as read.

Treasurer Pacifini read a detailed report of the finances of the Association for the first four months of the fiscal year, which showed a slight profit. Also reported for the previous month. Report accepted and placed on file.

Unfinished Business: National Commander Anderson introduced Robert Dickson, Commander of the Department of the East, who has been working on next year's Convention. Dickson stated that the New York Chapter had a meeting the previous Thursday and they had voted to help put on the Convention next June if they would have the assistance of the National Association in regard to finances. He had contacted several Hotels in New York and thought that the New Yorker Hotel would be the best place to hold it. Would have available meeting rooms for the Association meetings and also the Auxiliary meetings. A banquet could be included in the Registration fee, which would have to be $10.00 and that would cover expenses he thought. A tentative date of June 29-30th was given but after much discussion it was thought that the previous week-end would be better. (Since then the dates of June 22-23, 1956 has been set.

A Motion was made, Seconded and Passed that the YD Veterans Association hold the next National Convention at New York City on June 22, 23, 1956. The National Association will carry on the Convention with the Assistance of the New York Chapter members. The New York Chapter to do the actual work and the YD Veterans Association to back the Convention and all profits go to the National Association.

YD Stamps: Six Hundred sheets of stamps already paid for.

National Commander Anderson reported on his trip to Westfield for the 104th Memorial Services and also the trip to Stamford, Conn., for the Veterans Day services. Also reported that the services at the Cathedral of Pines for next year would be held on the first Sunday of October at 2:30 in the afternoon.

Past National Commander Brunton spoke briefly on the Convention and on Membership. Past National Commander McCormack spoke on the next Convention and introduced Assistant Treasurer William Coffey who made a short talk.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M. A very delightful Beef Stew made by the Auxiliary was served with coffee and cake. H. Guy Watts, *Nat'l. Secretary.*

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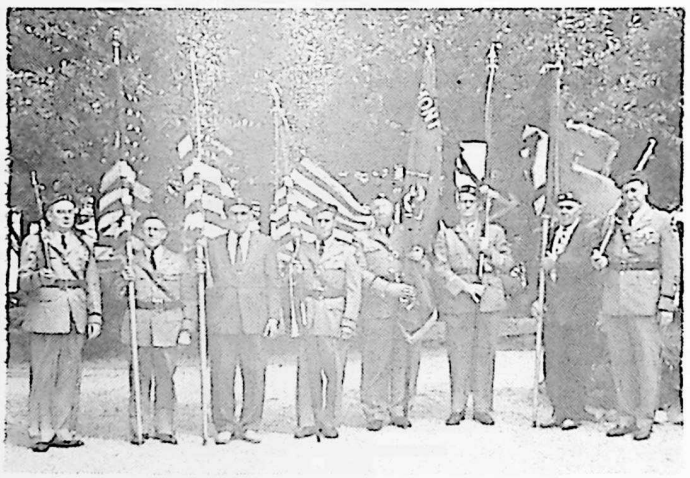
Because of the eleven o'clock time and the weather, the attendance was not as great as the previous year, but even then there were about four thousand persons at the ceremony. Space was reserved in the front rows for Yankee Division men and their families, who marched in with a



color guard and colors from New Hampshire, Stamford, Conn. and Bristol, Conn. The color guards were Nute from Worcester, Mass. and Tarleton from Haverhill, Mass.

Organ music for the service was furnished by Mrs. Alice F. Lewis and we had as soloists, Mrs. Constance E. Merrill of Jaffrey, New Hampshire and our good Treasurer, Al Pacifini. Al sang the Lord's Prayer which was beautifully rendered. The main address was by Past National Commander, Ben Bourne, to whom we wish to extend our sincere thanks for the inspiring message which he delivered. The order of the program was conducted by National Commander, Clarence Anderson. At the conclusion of our service, Mr. Sloane, Managing Director of the Cathedral of the Pines, gave a very interesting talk on the history of the Cathedral and described at length the various stones which were used in the Altar, the Lectern and Hill-House.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank all of those who so kindly cooperated with us in making this day a success and feel sure that our service for next year, which is scheduled for two thirty in the afternoon on the first Sunday in October, will be much better attended and should be even more impressive than the service held this year.

James F. B. Meikle, Y.D. Chairman

NATIONAL CONVENTION of YD VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Dates—June 22-23, 1956.

Place—New York City, N. Y.

Headquarters—Hotel New Yorker.

Registration—$10.00 per person (including Banquet).

The YD Veterans Association not having a bid for the 1956 National Convention has decided to hold the next National Convention in New York City with the assistance of the New York Chapter members. All members expecting to attend are urgently requested to send in their Registration Fee at once to help us to finance the Convention.

John C. Spatocco,
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18 November 1955

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To whom it may concern:

This letter relates back to the event that took pl back in late 1944, to be precise it was within the da and month of the 19th of November in 1944. It was then that the Yankee Division had received a considerable amount of replacements to fill the quota of the division.

I am going to give you information leading up to the time that I had left the famed Yankee Division, from there, you can draw your own conclusion. I have talked with the members of the Philadelphia Chapter of the division, but I have as yet to receive the necessary information I so desire.

I am writing a biography of my career in the Armed Services, which I have no intention of publicizing, but for my own use in years to come. I had started this story or book some five years ago, gathering information on scrap paper until I thought was the appropriate time to start the book. At the present, I am at the stage where the Yankee Division is concerned.

I was drafted in the service in November of 1943, where I was sent to Ft. Belvoir, Virginia for Engineer basic training of seventeen weeks. After completing the basic course, I was sent to Camp Reynolds, Pennsylvania, where I remained for a total of eight weeks before I was sent to Camp Shanks, N. Y. (P.O.E.)

In England, I landed in Glasgow, Scotland, from there, a train ride to Oulton Park, England, another course in Engineers for a month and a half. After the excess training was over, I was transferred to an Infantry training base at Tidworth Barracks in England, an eight week course in Infantry training.

When the course was over, the officers as well as the enlisted men were bound for France for use in the combat zones. We hit Cherbourgh by November 1, and rode the forty and eight till we arrived at Nancy, France, just

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outside of Nancy. The officers that trained this group were still with the same convoy.

From Nancy, our group was transported by trucks to a point four miles from the combat zone, (the Yankee Division Zone), the exact spot was unidentified. We were told to dig in until orders were given to what specific outfit we were attached to. I was sent to the 104th Infantry Division of B Company, while others were spread out throughout the division. I lost two men that I wished were with me throughout my stay with the Yankee Division, for they had gone with the 101st Division.

I was nineteen years old at the time; no father and these two men had acted more like fathers to me like my own father would of at the present stage. They had talked to me back in England of my past and future and informed me to get out of the Infantry because of my age and weight.

Now there was a time when I was at Omaha Beach, near Cherbourgh, when I had a fever that ran up to 102. The doctor had given me orders to remain until, it had simmered down, but I refused to stay, because I wanted to be with the same group of men. I won and went on.

I didn't last long at the front for I became a casualty; not by a wound but a concussion. Not long after I left the hospital of the 104th Evacuation, that I learned that these two officers were killed in action just days ago.

These two officers were my idol for they taught me more about combat than any other person could teach me. They, in a way, acted as my guardian angel, leading me to the right path. But in their achievements to do right, they suffered the consequences of death.

I wasn't with them when they died but I wished I was. Right now, I wish I was with them when they got it because I'm living a life of unforgetable remembrances that I can never forget. I am a fanatic about writing compositions, ever since I was a kid, and if I had all the information of these two men I would write about their life as best as I could, but as it is, I'm asking you, for such information.

These two men haven't won any deserving medals such as the Silver Star of the Bronze Star, but they died, in a way for a cause they believed the right cause. To me, if they had survived the first wave, in time, these two men might of earned themselves some sort of decoration to go along with them for the rest of the group, of the 26th.

If I were to ask anyone of the conditions concerning these two men, I think it's only right to come to you for information. The names of these officers are: First Lt. Rex R. Wade and 2nd Lt. Stanley L. Learner.

I know that the two officers hailed from the west coast but am unable to place their rightful address. If you can forward me their date of death and their respective home town, I would indeed appreciate it very much.

I thank you very much for putting up with me and if I should receive the necessary information I would thank you more from the bottom of my heart.

I thank you,

John C. Spatocco,
Co. B., 104th Inf., 26th Div.

YD Plans Continuous Recruiting Effort

Recruiting "drives" as such have now been supplanted by a 52-week program for all units under the overall direction of G-1, Lt. Colonel William W. Molla. Special acceleration or emphasis will be placed on recruitment from time to time when seasonal or other inducement offers the best opportunity for success, but Col. Molla stressed that "divisional recruitment must be considered on the same year-round basis as is the training program for instance with the idea in mind that following a 'drive' there is a normal 'let-down' period, during which much the gain may be lost."

Recruitment is the life-blood of the Guard, the division and the various units. It has become critical because of numerous reasons, one of which is the fact that the World War II veterans who joined the YD and formed the nucleus of the division during its post-war reorganization have now completed their military "obligation" and more than a few have failed to "re-up."

"Competition" has become a problem also, with the recently passed congressional legislation entitled the National Reserve Plan giving great assistance to "Reserve" recruiting and seemingly planning membership in this organization on a par — benefit-wise, with the National Guard.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

National Commander: Clarence L. Anderson, 139 Concord Way, Portsmouth, N. H.
National Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Commander: Roy W. Reimer, 39 Brookdale Rd., Brighton, Mass.
Secretary: Earl W. Eames, County Rd., Burlington, Mass.

Due to moving, illness and other various matters, your Secretary has been off the job for several months. As of December he will try to make amends. However, his duties were well fulfilled by Sheldon Goodwin of Worcester. Many thanks to you, Sheldon.

September 10, the Department held its regular meeting at Northampton and also attended the Testimonial Dinner for Past State Department President, Stella LaVallee. This affair was well attended and Stella deserved the tribute.

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On October 1st, the monthly meeting was held in Haverhill, and in the evening another Testimonial was held for Past National President, Florence Tarleton. The one and only "Cowboy" Jim Sullivan, a favorite Past National Commander, was his usual witty self as M. C.

The gifts to Florence were many and splendid, which Florence certainly deserved.

The November meeting was held at Holyoke Soldiers' Home, with earlier morning memorial services at Apremont, in Westfield.

Considering that this was during the Flood, there was a good sized group of loyal YD Buddies in attendance. Department Commander Reimer was over three hours enroute, and we should take our hats off to Roy and Catherine, they never miss.

On Wednesday, Sept. 28, 1955, the Department of Massachusetts by a vote of the Trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea, was awarded a "meritorious citation" for the splendid service rendered by Massachusetts YDVA for aid to the patients over a period of years.

This well deserved citation was accepted by Department Commander Reimer. Roy has always been a Go-Dooer, in hospital work.

Chapters throughout the Commonwealth are getting good results in signing up new and old members, so keep up the effort for YD must never die.

The December meeting will be held at the YD Club, Boston, so there should be no excuse for members to be absent, including myself.

Again, I repeat, sorry I've been absent, but will be on the ball from now on.

Sincerely in YD Spirit,

Earle W. Eames, *Dept. Secretary*

BEVERLY CHAPTER

Commander-Secretary: Thomas J. Wallace
33 Thorndike St., Beverly, Mass.

"Chop Stick House" in Wenham, operated by King Y Yee, a member of the Beverly Chapter was the scene of a very pretty party where several members and their families met on Monday evening, October 3rd. The members usually look forward to paying a visit to King, as he goes all out to make everything so homelike.

Following the dinner a very pleasant social hour was enjoyed by everyone.

Arthur Gorman is confined to the Beverly Hospital, so please send him a card. Lest you forget, Art took quite a beating in WW-I, and he is still reminded of it.

This meeting being so near that of September on account of the holiday, the YDVA news has not had an opportunity to accumulate this time, but better luck the next time.

On Tuesday evening, November 8th, the Beverly Chapter with members of their families attended their monthly meeting by gathering at "Steakland" located in Danvers, where everyone reported having a most enjoyable evening.

The members commenced gathering early, and after enjoying a delicious steak dinner and some having another choice, observed Veteran's Day, by having a very enjoyable social hour following the dinner, the party breaking up at a late hour. Winnie Batchelder and Bob Standley took the recorder in hand and while they were playing "The Yellow Rose of Texas" Mr. and Mrs. Abel Katz enjoyed a whirl around the dance floor.

It was nice to see Harold Heald out again, as he has been more or less confined with arthritis. Another that received a warm welcome was Augustus Cressy who brought with him Mrs. Cressy and their younger son, Robert, a senior at Beverly High School. Except for Arthur Gorman, who is convalescing at his home after an operation, there is no sick call at this time.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Abel Katz, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Heald, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Standley, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Ellery S. Webber, Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Cressy and son Robert, and Mr. and Mrs. Yours Truly.

This being the last notes before the coming holiday season, I fully believe that every member of the Beverly Chapter joins me in wishing all other YDers, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thomas J. Wallace, *Cmdr.*

BOSTON CHAPTER

Commander: George A. McDonald
200 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The YD Club of Boston with a membership of almost 500 is the busiest spot in the Back Bay. Any night in the week you will find one or more meetings in the different rooms of the Club.

The last capacity meeting was the Past Commanders Dinner given to George Johnson who was Commander of the Chapter last year with 250 present who sat down to a Roast Beef Dinner.

Our next affair will be the Military Ball at the Sheraton Plaza on December 2nd. By the time this issue is out it will be only a memory, but if it is anything like last years affair it will be a huge colorful success.

We are making many improvements on the building. We are now having the two main doors at the entrance to the Club all refinished and brought back to their original wood.

Have just been notified that we have had a new Trustee for the building appointed. He is V. Brooks Hitchins, who served in Co 'B', 101st Engineers, WW-I. He will serve with Ted Storer the last remaining Trustee. Ted served with Battery 'A', 101st F.A. We lost two of our Trustees recently by death, Allen Forbes, President of the State Street Trust Co., and Leander Redfield, who served with Co 'F', 101st Engineers, WW-I and was National Treasurer of the YD Veterans Association for many years.

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FITCHBURG CHAPTER

Commander — Alfred Provencial
227 Madison St., Fitchburg, Mass.

Secretary: Ernest F. George
100 Pacific Street, Fitchburg, Mass.

Our Chapter held its annual outing September 10th., with the usual large attendance. There was a change of plan at the last minute, so we had charcoal broiled steaks instead of Irish turkey as planned. This didn't make me mad at all. The Fitchburg Girl Scout Camp was the location, and it was ideal as we were able to get inside, as it rained very hard all afternoon, the poker players didn't mind at all as they were snugly fitted around the table, with plenty of beer.

A good time was had by all, no speechmaking, only individual groups firing away at each other about how good they were, and showing their medals and scars of battle, most of them could be charged to off limits. There were a couple of M.P.'s and cooks present, but they were out-numbered and took it most graciously, as everyone does at these gatherings.

It is so easy to put on these good times and dinners, as there are so many willing hands to help out with the work. And we thank the committee and all who assisted in making this party a success. Members were present from Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine and even as far as Miami.

Some of the features of the outing was the sleight of hand performance of Arthur Gagne on how to make food disappear, without leaving a trace, the community singing lead by comrade McGurl, photography by Waldo Manning, and the playing by Mike Pandiscio, yeah he went home with the Bacon.

Commander Provencial was well pleased with the Committee, and expresses his thanks and appreciation for a job well done.

In closing this report I must say that all our Chapter members were sorry we could not attend the services at the Cathedral of the Pines. As all preparations was made and the food ordered, it was impossible to change our date. That is our excuse for not being able to participate in the Ceremonies.

We missed our dear Comrades: Dan Moran, Arthur Nelson, Arthur Shea, and others who have answered the last roll call.

To our Comrade Francis X Dupre, and others who may be sick and in hospitals, we wish you all a speedy recovery.

Our October meeting was well attended, progress was made on the plan of securing a plaque with names of WW-II, to be placed in the Armory. Plans got under way for our annual Xmas party. Let us all show up at this one, and make it even a better party than last year. Waldo Manning showed he is just as good at shooting pictures, as well as shooting deer, as was evidenced by the shots he took of the outing.

The Legion National Convention was again discussed on the floor, and I must say they are certainly helping the pensions and benefits for WW-I Vets, oh yes. When we look around and see men of WW-I being discarded from many places of employment, and we think of how little was done to place them in jobs when they returned from the war, it is discouraging to many. It seems we could use a 'UNITED VETERANS' as well as a UNITED NATIONS.

See you all at the Xmas Party fellows and don't forget to bring that Gift. And, by the way, HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES YET? if not, please do, THANKS.

Ernie.

LYNN CHAPTER

Commander: Robert B. Hurley
12 West Baltimore St., Lynn, Mass.

Secretary: Edmond Trudell
44 Bowler St., Lynn, Mass.

Our 36th Annual Banquet was a real success, with a fairly good attendance. The entertainment was the best for many years. Seated at the head table were the Master of Ceremonies and his wife, A. Raymond Doucette, our National Commander Clarence Anderson and wife, State Cmdr. Ray Reimer and wife, National Sgt-at-Arms John Bechard and wife, National President of Auxiliary Mabel Ross and husband, Lynn Auxiliary President Ruth Trudell and husband, Chaplain Walter Smith and Mayor Arthur Frawley.

Special memorial services were conducted by Chaplain Smith assisted by Charles Benway and William Eddows, Leon Varnam and Edmond Trudell. One of our famous plaques was presented to National Commander Clarence Anderson by Commander Robert Hurley. Meritorious Certificates were presented to P.C. Eustis Grimes, P.C. Charles Scanlon and Oliver Nichols and Newton Courtney. After a delicious dinner and short speeches plus entertainment under direction of Edward Nicholson, dancing was enjoyed till a late hour under supervision of Edward Saulnier. Guests were present from Portsmouth, N. H., Manchester, N. H., Boston and Haverhill.

The next day, November 11th we had a fair turnout for the parade, considering the weather and were led by Saugus High School famous band and after the parade a luncheon was served at our YD quarters to the 75 members of band and all YD men who marched. Luncheon was under direction of Edmond Trudell, William Eddows, Ruth Trudell, Lillian Saulnier, Helen Doucette, Edward Saulnier, Joseph Laffey, Edward Nicholson and Charles Benway.

After luncheon a group of members went to General Edwards Bridge and placed two beautiful wreaths on Revere and Lynn ends of bridge on plaques dedicated to Daddy Edwards. Services were conducted by Commander Hurley, Chaplain Smith and Chairman Doucette.

Plans are now rolling for our annual Christmas Party to be held at Chelsea Soldiers Home Hospital on December 14th when our Chapter will once again present the "Y.D. Revue" in the auditorium for all veteran's at the Hospital and will present boxes chuck full of good things to use

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and eat to all YD men at this Hospital and to all our members in other Hospitals or at home. Christmas Party Committee is headed by Chairman A. Raymond Doucette, assisted by Eustis Grimes, Charles Scanlon, Newton Courtney, Edgar P. Walsh, S.V.C. Edward Nicholson, Claude Hoag, Commander Robert Hurley, J.V.C. Leon Denis, Edward Saulnier, William Eddows, Roy Knox, Edwin Streeter, Leander Maes, Charles Balcom, Harry Barrows, Walter Smith, Perley Knight, Leslie Pugh, Albert Couillard, Edmond Trudell, Sylvester Morrison, Oliver Nichols, Charles Benway, Col. John Pickett, Clarence Sewell, Thomas Curran, Christian Schacht, Joseph Laffey, Leon Varnam, Francis Tetlow, Robert Quinn, Harold Hobson, George Walton, George Wood, Joseph Jackman, Arthur Flynn and Willis Harvey.

On November 29th we are holding a Past Commanders night which is in charge of S.V.C. Edward Nicholson assisted by Edmond Trudell, Edward Saulnier, William Eddows, Leonard Burnham and Commander Robert Hurley.

— The Duke

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: Angelo M. Curto
24 Crystal Avenue, Springfield, Mass.

Secretary: Thomas F. Crokan
86 Chilson Street, Springfield, Mass.

George Lyons is back home and doing nicely.

November 12th is the day for our Veterans Day Dinner and all the Past Commanders will be honored at that time Jack Lowe is the Chairman of the committee.

The Chapter will have a good representation in the parade Nov. 11th with ten bands and representative groups from the various reserve units and a detachment from Westover Field.

Past Department Commander Meffen's mother passed away at the age of 93, our heartfelt sympathy to the family, she was a grand person.

Many of the members of the Chapter after attending the exercises at 104th Monuments at Westfield November 6th went to the Yankee Pedlar for luncheon and then to the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke.

The State Department of Massachusetts and Auxiliary held their monthly meetings after being host to the patients in a coffee hour. The ladies went through the wards and served those who did not come down to the recreation room.

Just as I was about to mail this story I received word that one of spark plugs of the 104th Infantry was killed in Westfield. He is Robert D. Nash who saw service overseas with the Regiment and still in the Outfit when the accident happened. We were shocked to hear the news and extend our heartfelt sympathy to the members of the family.

Our membership is increasing but very slow. We should get on the ball and get that next door Buddie who is not yet paid up.

Harry Valentine one of our Past Commanders is now retired and living in Winter Haven, Florida. The address is 1410 26th N. W. All of us wish him the best in his retirement.

In another section of Doings you will find one of our examples of service work.

Thomas Crokan, *Sec.*

From left to right: Ben Johnson, William Accorsi, Hug Scagliarini, James Geary, all of YD Chapter, Springfiel Lt. Pitsinger, 'C' Company Commander, 1st Sgt. Roger Smith, who received award for outstanding marksman all-around soldier of 104th Infantry, and Angelo Curt Commander of Springfield Chapter YDVA.

The Springfield Chapter of the Yankee Division Veterans Association, in order to further the interest in the National Guard also to recognize the importance of the National Guard in the National Defense set-up, will make an annual award every year to the best marksman of the 104th Infantry, which is the Western branch of the National Guard in Massachusetts.

The first presentation will be made Monday evening, October 17th, 7:30 P.M. at the Chicopee City Hall, when the Springfield YDVA will present a watch to 1st Sgt. Roger L. Smith, Co. C, 104th Infantry, for being selected the best marksman for this year. The following committee selected the watch as a gift, YDVA commander, Angelo Curto; honorary chairman, Benn Johnson; chairman and committee men William Accorsi, Roswell Patch, Hugo Scagliarini, William Fisher and Thomas Crokan together with Col. Gram, C.O., Captain Arthur Foskit and Captain Roul Bencivenni of the 104th Inf., Lt. Col. Benjamin Sullivan, Regimental Executive Officer of the 104th will be a guest on Monday evening.

This informal presentation will be made by Commander Angelo Curto, YDVA. The formal presentation will be made to 1st. Sgt. Smith during a regimental review in 1956 at Camp Drum. All YDVA members are cordially invited to attend this presentation as we are proud to be able to take a part in marking a bigger and better National Guard in Western Massachusetts. It rained hard this night above all nights.

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DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Commander: George Riickerl, 102 Grove St., Stamford, Conn.
Secretary: Clyde Beckwith, 291 Highland St., Manchester, Conn.

STATE MEETING

Meeting opened by Commander Riickerl at 3:40 P.M. Guests introduced by New Haven Chapter included Charles McQueeney, George Keating and Doctor Rungee. Department business was suspended while PNC Jim Meikle presented a YDVA certificate of meritorious service to Charles McQueeney, who stated that in his capacity as a newspaperman and photographer, he has been glad to help the YD with publicity or anything else. He also said he has had many YD friends most of his life and will be happy to continue his cooperation and is sure his paper and fellow workers feel the same way. George Keating then took a group picture of Jim Meikle presenting the certificate to McQueeney. Officers of the department and New Haven Chapter were included in the picture.

Proceeding with department business, the chair also recognized General Novey and PSC's Geer, Lindgren Marcus and Beckwith.

Chaplain reported addresses of sick not received in time to send out cards. Today he was given up to date information, including addresses of those reported ill today. The list includes Thomas Silva and Charles Cockerton of Bridgeport Chapter; Lawrence Bates of Bristol Chapter; Louis Engborg of Stamford Chapter. Leo Wilkes is at Rocky Hill.

SVC Cavagnero reported 458 members, about 50 less than at this time last year. He has secured a list of eligible YD men in Waterbury and will see what can be done there.

Howard Titus, Chairman of Who's Who in YD, stated that an advertising man has been secured. It is expected that the booklet will be out before Christmas.

New Business: The flood relief fund was officially started with $50 from Stamford Chapter; $50 from Stamford Auxiliary; $20 from Torrington Chapter; $10 from Bridgeport Chapter; and $8 donated by individuals in Manchester to the Department Secretary. On motion by George Graham of Bristol Chapter it was voted that department secretary write letters of thanks to those chapters and individuals who donate to this fund.

An offer from Sunderland's Fund Raising Shows to run a benefit for our flood fund was voted down.

Good of YDVA: Dr. Rungee presented Commander John King and Ray Cooper of New Haven Chapter a picture of the Seicheprey Day ceremonies. Howard Titus mentioned potential membership in the Who's Who booklet and as Chairman of the Jim Meikle Dinner Committee, requested that uniforms should be worn. Those without uniforms should wear berets. Department colors and Chapter colors, as many as possible, should be present. The response from all New England and New York has been fine.

PNC Jim Meikle says YDVA membership as a whole is ahead of last year at this time. He also stated that Cathedral of the Pines date next year is set for the afternoon of the first Sunday in October. The next YDVA Convention will probably be held in New York City.

Al Lindgren stated that Connecticut had only 3 member representation at last National Executive Committee meeting. YD stamps will in future be dated.

General Novey invited us to attend the next Department State Meeting to be held at Cavalleri Post on Midgeon Avenue, Torrington, November 13.

All those who can should drive up the Naugatuck Valley and observe the devastation wrought by the flood.

—Clyde Beckwith,
Department Secretary

BRISTOL MONT SEC CHAPTER

Commander: Charles D. Goudreault
43 Fairview Ave., Bristol, Conn.

Secretary: Clyde G. Beckwith
291 Highland St., Manchester, Conn.

Because of the testimonial dinner to Jim Meikle at Elks Lodge in Bristol on Saturday, October 15, our regular chapter meeting for October was omitted. Since Jim is a member of Mont Sec Chapter it was not surprising that so many of our own members were present. In spite of the rain and flood conditions which kept many away, including some of our own members, there were almost 150 to share the roast beef dinner and to salute our PNC.

Among the PNC's attending were Al Herman of Norwalk, who acted as MC; Ben Bourne of Stamford, Michael O'Connor from Worcester, Denny Brunton from Springfield, Pete Bourget from Rhode Island. The National Commander, Clarence Anderson of New Hampshire, was present.

Howard Titus, who was Jim's Sergeant-at-Arms during the past year, was chairman of the committee. Commander Goudreault headed the local group on the committee, not the least of whom were the ladies. Olive Strupp created some blue paper pup tents complete with gold stars and a flag. These tents were at each place setting and bore the sign: Jim Meikle slept here.

During the dinner we enjoyed a few of the old songs, but some of the verses were modified. After all there were about as many ladies as men present. Incidentally the guests came from all over. Bob Dickson from New Jersey, the Mohrs from New York, and Commander Riickerl and his gang from Stamford had to cross the brunt of the flood to get to Bristol.

In addition to the gift of a watch to Jim and a bouquet to his good wife, there were gifts by Jim to National Secretary Guy Watts, National Treasurer Al Pacifici, and Howard Titus. Al Herman as MC did a first class job. All the leaders of YDVA were called on to speak and the representation of WW-II YD vets was recognized. When Olive

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Strupp was called upon to present the flowers she said it was too much to expect a mere woman to compete with the preceding male oratory but with a ready wit and lots of humor she brought the house down. We certainly thank the ladies, the rest of the committee, the Elks for a fine meal and an excellent place to enjoy it, and the YD spirit which brought so many so far on such a bad night.

Clyde Beckwith, *Sec.*

SAYBROOK

Michael A. Conners Chapter

Commander: Thomas H. Porter
P. O. Box 318, Saybrook, Conn.

Secretary: Edward V. Bowie
Essex Road, Westbrook, Conn.

During the summer the members were kept very busy. I can by saying that Charles F. Skinner was building bridges around Connecticut and with the time off which was very little, he took his fish boat and rest that way. Robert K. Skinner was just rest around Old Saybrook. Harold Elbert our World War II boy worked hard all summer but took one weeks vacation touring Maine. George F. Houlihan the Guy from Co "C" working in Old Lyme. Maurice C. Griffin was laying around recuperating. William H. Stoddard was busy handling insurance. William G. Stark was busy getting the Chester Fair over. Thomas H. Porter was in Veterans Hospital, West Haven, Conn., for a while and after coming out made a motor trip to Vermont and visited some members of the Rutland Chapter. Lt. Willard E. Bushey and Mrs. W. E. Bushey celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Lt. Bushey is a veteran State Police and battalion adjutant of the old 102nd. Albion D. Lamson made a trip to Florida and now is resting. Herbert S. Whedon, Sergeant of Co "B" 102nd is retired in Madison, Conn. Edward V. Bowie is still working hard. William J. Thompson working hard at the Westbrook school.

Now the members are getting back to full business and will attend the meetings. The anniversary of this Chapter is in the month of December and we are having a big time.

Yours truly,

Thomas H. Porter, *Cmdr.*

HARTFORD CHAPTER

Commander: William J. Scanlon
74 Nilan St., Hartford, Conn.

Secretary: Carroll B. Case
23 Harvard St., Hartford 10, Conn.

Hartford Chapter held its fourth annual Halloween dinner and dance Saturday night, October 29, at its quarters on White Street. The hall was attractively decorated with pumpkins and autumn branches and each table held a bouquet of chrysanthemums arranged in a pumpkin shell. A ham steak dinner was served by our caterer Joseph Tremblay. The committee in charge of the program consisted of Samuel Tobin, William J. Scanlon, Arthur J. Evans, Harold W. Ellingwood, Howard W. Titus and Carroll B. Case. Music for dancing was furnished by Pete Granger's 'Windsor Old Timers' orchestra, a friend of Harold Ellingwood, and who has been very generous and playing for us at many of our parties.

Besides the members on the committee, there were present our PNC Jim Meikle and his wife, PNC Edgar F. Miller, John R. Edwards, Napoleon White, Frederick (Moose) Miller, William Williamson, William L. Sullivan, Col. Henry A. Beebe, Paul J. Caravatt, Sigmant Buczinski, Frank Tracinski, Albert Rossing, Frank J. Stickney and Howard Merrill. Many friends of Cmdr. Scanlon were present to share the pleasures of the evening, and all agreed the party was a great success.

Eight hardy comrades and their wives braved the floods and rain of Saturday night October 15 to attend the testimonial dinner to our good PNC Jim Meikle, held in Bristol. They were Howard W. Titus, Jim's Sergeant-at-Arms, Chapter Commander William J. Scanlon, PNC Benjamin A. Bourne, Paul J. Caravatt, John C. Carter, Arthur J. Swanson, Harry T. Robertson, and Carroll B. Case. In spite of the terrible rains and flood conditions of that date, an enjoyable evening was had and all returned home safely before the roads out of Bristol were closed by the flooding streams.

Arthur J. Evans, last year's Chapter commander, whose lot it is to become chairman of our annual party, has announced that it will be held on Saturday night, February 4, 1956. More news about the party next time.

The Chapter at its last monthly meeting named Thomas R. Morrison of East Hartford to Honorary membership. Comrade Morrison is contact representative at the Hartford Regional office of the V.A. He was serving in the original 102nd Infantry regiment, WW-I, when an unfortunate accident on the date of our departure overseas prevented Tom from going with us to France. However, eventually he did see active service in France in another Division. Since his return to civilian life, Mr. Morrison has been a wonderful help in aiding service men, and especially has he aided his former buddies. He is past state commander of the V.F.W. We all welcome him into our Chapter as a buddy.

C.

NEW HAVEN

Commander: John King
645 Congress Ave., New Haven, Conn.

Secretary: Dexter A. Cargill
62 Elm St., East Haven, Conn.

At the State Meeting held October 9, 1955, at New Haven, Jim Meikle presented a National Certificate of Meritorious Service to Mr. Charles McQueeney, Managing Editor of The New Haven Register. The meeting

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was well attended and the ladies of the Chapter Auxiliary prepared an excellent buffet.

Several members attended the dinner for Jim Meikle in Bristol October 15 and it was a good party.

Veterans Day ceremony on the New Haven Green was attended by a few members, who later met at the Timothy Ahern monument for the ceremony there. We adjourned to Eddie Malone's for lunch, etc. The advance party was already at that good rendezvous, and it was good to see some of the boys that we don't run across very often.

The Chapter meets the second Monday of each month, so drop in and see us.

NORWALK CHAPTER

Commander: Harold Anderson
8 Davenport Place, Norwalk, Conn.
Secretary: Albert W. Herman
3 Alden Avenue, East Norwalk, Conn.

Ever since Harold and Mary Anderson took over the top jobs in Norwalk YD Chapter we have been meeting regularly every month without missing a meeting. We meet at various homes of members throughout the year and the members find it very interesting. Norwalk had the pleasure of entertaining the National Commander, Clarence Anderson and Mrs. Anderson on Veterans Day, also Henry Moore, the Commander of New York Chapter and Mrs. Moore. And speaking of Veterans Day, the Stamford Chapter deserve a pat on the back for the wonderful job they did in Stamford on Veterans Day, it really shows what can be done with a few good YD men sparking a program, you will hear more about it from your National Commander Clarence Anderson, who spent two days with the Stamford Chapter members.

Commander Harold Anderson has invited the Stamford Chapter members to attend the meeting in Norwalk, which will be held at the YD Dugout November 17th. State Commander George Riickerl of Stamford and Henry Moore Commander New York Chapter have been invited to attend. Past Commander Henry Woods will assist the Ladies Auxiliary with the refreshments, it should be a great party.

Holiday greetings to all YD men where ever they live. Sincere wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Al Herman, *Sec.*

STAMFORD CHAPTER

Commander: Alexander C. Coons
56 Grove St., Stamford, Conn.
Secretary: Albert Baker
24 Custer St., Stamford, Conn.

Our last two meetings, October at Al Bakers—November at Stanley's Kersten's were both very well attended and a good time was had by all. Next meeting, December 3rd at Steve Torok's dugout Deluxe.

Back in July of this year, Joe LiVolsi, one of Stamford's spark plugs got a red hot idea, — a mammoth parade to commemorate Armistice Day, November 11th, one of the most important days in our YD memories. The idea of this parade was to revive these memories both in the civilian population as well as the veteran population, who, in the past have been prone to forget what happened 37 years ago.

With this thought in mind, Joe called a meeting one evening in July, the place, on Long Island Sound aboard his cruiser. Those present were representatives from the Stamford Chamber of Commerce, the local Marine Corps League and the Stamford Chapter YD, at which time the ground work was started for what was to be one of the biggest, if not the biggest, parade events in the history of Stamford. From that night in July, things started to move in high gear right up to Friday, November 11, 1955.

We of the YD realized it would take dough to put on a show of this magnitude and dough, we don't have. So we went to the City Finance Board with our budget and put the cards on the table. We needed $5000, and needless to say, we didn't get it, BUT we did get $2500.00 and we were on our way.

After meetings and meetings, phone calls, daily trips to New York, New Jersey, and all over Connecticut, the following is what the committee came up with. The parade was headed by the First Army Band, color guard and honor guard followed by U. S. Army Band and guard from Fort Slocum, U. S. Army Reserve Band, Governors Foot Guard Band from Hartford, Colonial Band from Stamford, 192 National Guard units, Coast Guard Band, U. S. Naval Reserve Band, 1st Air Corps Band and honor guard, local veterans units with bands and drum corps, local and visiting police and fire departments with their bands, University of Conn. Band, David McDaniel BPOE colored band and marching unit, floats, and Major Johr Totilas and a group of 20 of his championship baton twirling girls.

Due to weather conditions in neighboring cities, there were 12 cancellations of bands and marching units. The weather in Stamford however, was ideal.

The committee provided 259 roast beef dinners for the visiting Army, Navy and Air Corps units at the Hotel Davenport and wound up the whole affair with a Military Ball in the State Armory sponsored by our "buddy" outfit the Marine Corps League to celebrate their 180th birthday.

Prominent among our many distinguished guests was our National Commander and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Anderson, who by the way, had such a good time parade day, remained over to attend our Annual Armistice Day dinner, Saturday evening at Stamford's Half Way House. Past National Commander Al Herman was our Master of Ceremonies at this occasion and did the usual swell job, although he complained of not being quite up to snuff due to some slight stomach disorder brought on by something he ate the previous day. Didn't have a drink.

About 50 were present including Tom McGreevey from Brooklyn, the old horse thief from Battery F who hasn't missed an Armistice Day affair in years and years. We wound up by the gang singing all the old 1917 and 18 songs.

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Next day, Sunday, November 13, all those who were still able to navigate went to Torrington for State meeting where we had another wonderful time, wonderful turnout and meal by the Torrington ladies.

Stamford visits Norwalk Thursday evening, November 17, at Al Herman's dugout — food and refreshments as usual. Xmas party at Steve Torok's December 3rd—New Years' party at Al Baker's December 31st. If in town look us up, if not—remember us as you last saw us.

Ray MacNicholl

WINDHAM COUNTY CHAPTER

Commander: Robert A. Hall
40 Senkow Ave., Groton, Conn.

Secretary: Gardiner Hall
South Willington, Conn.

The nice thing about YD is the fact that its "Old Guard" members which are still the backbone of this organization see no reason for "throwing in the towel" simply because there is nothing of a business nature to keep it going. Our local YD down to the status of a Social outfit maintains their interest getting together monthly at the homes of our members. Of course were it not for the ladies these meetings would be more dull than happy occasions. If there is business it's taken care of if not it's a case of fighting the war all over again. The only thing really recognizable of these meeting is the formal opening and closing. We are far from "dead" here in this "Outpost" tho little is heard from us. The "feeds" after the meetings all furnished by the Host and Hostess are always delicious and provide a fitting climax to the evening. The same old gang keep the fires burning and it's going to be mighty tough to break the ties that bind this gang so closely together.

Doc Keating reports he has just been made a member of the Legislative Comm. from the Mexican Border Vets. Assn.

Stewart Keating, sergeant son of "Doc" is now located with the Reserve Corps in Waterbury.

The REAL lowdown tho and listen to this — Harold Gray's little boy six foot three just called "Pop" to advise him that he is now a grandfather of TWIN girls born October 22nd. Ye Gods what next. Pass along the congratulations Harold. Isn't it wonderful.

G. H. Hall, *Sec.*

P.S.—A real treat happened yesterday October 24th. our own Charlie Maass who now lives in Florida and who is here on a short stay called the boys on the phone. Best of luck to you Charlie.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Commander: Charles V. Weaver, 890 Valley St., Manchester, N. H.
Secretary: Harold S. Fallon, 97 Prospect St., Manchester, N. H.

STATE MEETING

The October meeting of the Department of New Hampshire was held at the D.A.V. Hall, in Nashua, on Sunday the 23rd. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 P.M. with Commander Charlie Weaver in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read.

The Treasurers report was also accepted as read.

A letter from our good YDer and friend, Dick Smith, from the Triangle Chapter in Lebanon was read, expressing regrets that it was impossible for the Triangle Chapter, to hold the October meeting in Lebanon. Good work Dick, you made a good try.

We of New Hampshire are really grateful that a son of the Green Mountain State, is our National Commander. We say this, because, at our October meeting, Clarence altho having commitments in Boston, Sunday evening came to our Department meeting. He got an early start and headed for his appointment in Boston. He gave a brief talk on some of the things he has done, while heading the YDVA. He gave a very fine talk on the Annual Cathedral of the Pines exercises of which all members of the YD are familiar with.

He also gave a good picture of the reactivating of the Portland, Maine Chapter. And of all the YD boys, from in and around, Portland, who were there. After these few words, Clarence, gathered up his charming wife (and everyone thinks she is too) Elloween, and took off for Boston. He sure gets around. And it is always nice to see and have with us at our Department meetings, another son of Portsmouth, our National Sergeant-at-Arms John (The Pipe) Becard. John is sure a congenial fellow and is doing a fine job as Sergeant-at-Arms.

The YDVA is proud to have Clarence as our leader we all know. But also the city of Portsmouth is also proud to have him as a citizen, so much so that they held a Civic Testimonial for him at the Rockingham Hotel. Even Portsmouth has not forgotten what a wonderful convention the YD put on in 51.

New Hampshire had a goodly number present at the testimonial for a grand person and an all YDer P.N.P. Florence Tarleton. And a good time was had by all. And were bouquets ever being passed around. For further and more complete details contact Chris Schacht, the Saugus Flower boy.

And regardless of flood weather, New Hampshire YDer's treked to Bristol, Conn. to attend a testimonial for a true blue YD boy, and again Jim Meikle, we of New Hampshire salute you. And we were not just kidding about the things we said in the past, but I guess we really proved it by the attendance of us New Hampshirites in Bristol, but, Jim it sure was worth it.

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Altho our Department meeting attendance is usually small, we do have a few who are always present or else are excused for a good reason. But we will say one thing tho, at our June meeting, we sure had a wonderful turn out. That was the one held at Bill Sobys camp on Durham Point Road. Check your July-August "Doings." Yeah man, it was a regular Department of New Hampshire meeting—not a convention. But there must have been an incentive. Yes there sure was. Now may I ask all of you YDer's one question, and that is—Is there any more incentive needed to make a good showing at "not only" Department meetings but any YD meeting than the fact that those of us who are YD are eligible to attend "any" YD meeting, when all we have to do is pay our dues. Your dues, my dues and all our dues naturally help to keep up the financial end of YDVA. But, after are dues are paid—our attendance at YD meetings not only help but do "KEEP IT ALIVE." So fellars—read your Department of New Hampshire section of the "Doings" and save me a lot more writing.

In closing will say — I repeat the "DARE" as of the above issue.

See you all in Springfield.

Harold (F. P.) Fallon

(CAME TOO LATE FOR LAST ISSUE)

The Department of New Hampshire held its first Fall meeting on Sunday, September 25th in Portsmouth, N. H., at our old stamping grounds, the Portsmouth Community Service Bldg. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 P.M. with Department Commander Charles Weaver in the chair. Our National Commander was escorted to the Rostrum by Sergeant-at-Arms Charles Bailey. It certainly was wonderful that we could have our National Commander present. For the short time he has been in office he sure has done a lot of travelling and made a lot of visitations. Again, we were glad he had no other commitments. It was not necessary to escort our National Sergeant-at-Arms, our good friend, a good YDer John Bechard, to the chair, as he is our present Department Secretary. And we were equally glad to see you too, John.

The usual order of business was carried on in the usual form. As now, New Hampshire has 5 Chapters, and we are glad to report that each Chapter had a representation. We would like at this time to pay particular thanks to Richard (Dick) Smith, Jr., Vice Commander Triangle Chapter in Lebanon, and his charming wife for making the long trek to Portsmouth. He brought the greetings from his Chapter. And we of the Department appreciate it. Dick, by the way, is going to try to arrange it so that we can hold the next meeting in Lebanon. Good Luck, "Dick."

Like all units of YD whether it be—local Chapters, Departments or National, attendance is up "nowhere" where it should be. Is it because of the lack of "paid ups?" No, not exactly, because each unit of the YD has enough paid ups to well fill any hall when a YD meeting is being held. But do they get out and attend meetings. No! Why? Well it seems that the easy chair and TV has to be taken care of. We all like comfort and ease and relaxations. We all work hard and we are all tired at night. But one night a month, to attend your Chapter meeting and one Sunday a month to attend your Department meeting certainly is not asking too much. In all fairness, to all other organizations (to several of which many of us belong) is their "any" "anywhere" that has a closer feeling of friendship and nearness than we of the YD have. So what does this all lead up to—MEMBERSHIP. Let every man eligible to membership in the YD send in his dues. On no-not just send in your dues—Bud, but take an active part in ALL YD functions. A good slogan would be "DUES COMING UP," then after that "you will be up and coming."

We have a new National Commander, so let's give him the best we have. Let's all get around to meetings and see what a Grand feeling it is to meet and shake the hand of a Buddy you haven't seen in years. How about it, Boys?

Our National Commander expressed his sincere thanks to all of the YD men and the Auxiliary that turned out at the Memorial Services at the Cathedral of the Pines on Sunday, Sunday, Sept. 11, at Rindge N. H. He also made mention of how impressive the Color, Color Guard, and YD members and all Auxiliaries who were in uniform, when they marched up to the Altar. Our National Commander is planning to make a trip to Rindge, to see if he can get a more convenient date for next year and also perhaps a better time of day, so that more YDers can attend next year.

Clarence also gave a brief talk on what it means to us YDers to get together more often — in greater numbers, and, of course, membership.

Our National Commander suggested that we stand for 30 seconds in prayer for a speedy recovery for the President of the United States Dwight Eisenhower.

After the usual closing of the meeting, a marvelous lunch (as is always the case was put on by the Portsmouth Auxiliary and as mentioned before — get out and attend meetings and meet good YDers (as we all did) and sincerely enjoyed their company. Speaking of enjoying meeting YDers. N. H. expects to have a large representation in Haverhill, Mass. on Saturday October 1st to attend a testimonial banquet for Florence Tarleton, the P.N.P. of the Auxiliary. This is one time "Perry" Tarleton should get all the coffee he wants. When he comes to Manchester to visit the fellows, he has to bring his own coffee.

N. H. is really lining up for P.N.C. Jim Meikle's Testimonial on Saturday October 15th.

Harold (F. P.) Fallon.

MANCHESTER CHAPTER

Commander: Walter E. Moulton
144 Blodgett Street, Manchester, N. H.
Secretary: Archie J. Vigneault
11 West Appleton St., Manchester, N. H.

Our Secretary Archie Vigneault is in the V. A. Hospital following an operation, so the reason for a new reporter. We hope for a speedy recovery.

Walter Smith after spending a few days at the V. A. Hospital, is now in California where he hopes to spend

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the winter. Hope the warm weather, rains, and smog will do for him what the New England weather has failed to do.

Clarence Firth, retired police officer, is back from Florida and looks as though he is enjoying the best of health.

John Dunlap, P.N.C., spent his usual vacation at the Cape. Understand it was mostly work as he used part of the time to close the camps, the rest of the time was spent running to the bank with the profits of his summer business. John claims he runs to the bank to see if he has overdrawn his account.

Lester Horton spent part of his vacation in the State of Maine with the usual results — 1 deer which happens annually. Wonder if he has a salt lick near the camp or has one tied to a tree. Can deer be purchased in the State of Maine?

Shirley Luscombe, nearly retired office man, is looking for a position as the International Shoe Co. moved to St. Louis, Mo. He claims the salary of the V.P. of the Convention Corp. isn't sufficient to meet his needs — too high living, Shirley!

Eustis Perron was seen by this reporter in one of our gas stations talking with a large group. Think he was trying to sway a few votes for the Mayor, as it was election day.

Father Biley was seen sporting a new Buick last Sunday. Guess it pays to invest your money in a foreign country like Derry.

Arthur Gilmore looks like a different man now since losing nearly 50 lbs. Claims he can do a lot more work with less effort.

Harold Fallon has the Y.D. at heart as he gives us a report on all State and National meetings. Thanks for the news, Harold, as it takes time and money to attend these meetings.

Our State Dept. Commander, Charles Weaver came into the last meeting with his usual donation. He conducts a one-man paper drive.

John Loxton, S.V.C.Y.D., Commander Post No. 79 A.L. Adj. WW I Vets is a busy man in veterans affairs.

St. Paul's M. E. Church was the host to the Y. D. and A. L. Post No. 79 lead by the Post Commander John Loxton, also S.V.P.Y.D. The YD had a very good number at the services, and their numbers were increased by the auxiliary.

Saw Dep. Fire Chief Thomas Luby on the street and find that he is still chasing the hot spots.

Get well soon, Archie, as the reporter's job isn't funny!

—Karl H. Byam.

GENERAL CLARENCE R. EDWARDS CHAPTER

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The Rockingham Hotel of Portsmouth, New Hampshise on October twenty-ninth was chosen by the local Chapter, to pay honor, with a wonderful Testimonial Banquet to our beloved leader, our National Commander, Clarence L. Anderson.

Many organizations were represented, Legion, VFW, DAV, AmVets, 40/8, 8/40 and others. Our National Commander, was also honored to have Mrs. Anderson and their two sons and daughter and their families, and also Commander Anderson's two brothers to join in on this wonderful Testimonial occasion.

On behalf of the city of Portsmouth, N. H., Mayor Flynn, paid a wonderful tribute to our National Commander and the YDVA and promised the Key to the City of Portsmouth for any future conventions.

Mr. Smith, owner and proprietor of the Hotel, paid a fine tribute on behalf of our National Commander and the YDVA.

We were proudly honored to have the National President, Mrs. Mabel Ross of the YDVA Auxiliary with us.

Many other State Department Officers were present and spoke briefly. A fine gift from the Chapter was presented to our National Commander, and a beautiful bouquet of flowers was presented to Mrs. Anderson on behalf of the Chapter, by National Sergeant-at-Arms, Past Department Commander John Bechard.

In closing, in behalf of our Chapter and friends, may God be with our National Commander, Clarence L. Anderson for the courage and great task which lies before him. Best of luck for everything.

James W. Locke, *Sec.*

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PROVIDENCE CHAPTER

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Secretary-Treasurer: Guy M. Kittredge
107 Lexington Ave., Providence 7, R. I.

Providence Chapter held its MEMORIAL SERVICE the Sunday before Armistice at the Norwood Baptist Church, with 40 members present along with their wives, a very good showing. This was the home church of our departed chaplain Howard Hopkins and we were nicely received and a fine service was rendered.

These services are one of our cherished traditions and never should be slighted as they mean so much to our living comrades and at the same time honoring our departed ones. Our ranks are beginning to thin out now, but let's keep these Memorials up each year.

Armistice Day came along and we had planned to ride

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a bus this year. At the last minute the chief marshal of the parade would not allow it. Then for bad weather conditions the first time in 37 years the parade was called off... So you see what happens when you cross up a YD gang. About 14 couples gathered at the Driftwood for their annual dinner and get-together Armistice afternoon and the war was fought all over again.

Bill McAllister is back in the Davis Park Country Club, coming along slowly. Also at the Davis Park Hospital is John Fay and Paul Karkrion. Herbert Dawson is at Rutland Hospital. Drop the boys a card.

Yours in YD Comradeship,

Guy M. Kittredge, *Sec.-Treas.*

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NEW YORK

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The New York Chapter held its meeting in October after a long summer. Attendance was a little low. Guess we had too long a vacation and the boys couldn't get back in the saddle. This month, New York expects to get going, and to start all the plans for the coming winter events. Our mid-year convention in New York (our installation dinner) will be held in February as usual.

Commander Henry Moore with some friends and Bob Dickson attended the testimonial dinner given to Jim Meikle in Bristol and report a grand time was had by all.

The past month has been a sad one for us here in New York. First of all, we lost our esteemed member, Right Reverend Monsignor Thomas F. Temple. Quite a few of the boys paid their last respects to Tom. At the solemn requiem mass, at which Cardinal Spellman of New York officiated, the chapter was represented with the colors and a few of the members, namely: Commander and Mrs. Moore, Fred Brown. Marty Chambers, Ted Schoomacher and yours truly.

Jack Farquhar is coming along nicely after his heart attack last July but can't get around too well yet.

Our good friend Father Barrett of Fordham University also passed away recently. Father Barrett has been helping us conduct our annual memorial services at the General Edwards plaque opposite the Parade Grounds at Fordham.

Just learned from Bob Dickson that the National Convention of the YD Veterans Association will be held in New York City with the headquarters at the New Yorker Hotel on June 22-23, 1956. That means a lot of hard work for the Chapter members and here's hoping for a large and successful Convention.

Guess that's all now.

Michael S. Justynowicz, *Sec.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE MIDDLE WEST

Commander: Harry G. Schnell, 13829 Cedar Road, South Euclid, Ohio

CLEVELAND, OHIO

Commander: James C. Kilbane
3303 West Blvd., Cleveland 11, Ohio

Secretary: Walter A. Haak
938 Pembrook Rd., Cleveland Heights 21, Ohio

The Nineteenth Annual Installation of officers for the Ohio Chapter of The Yankee Division Veterans' Association was held in conjunction with the Ladies' Auxiliary on Saturday, October 15, 1955, at Crosby's Restaurant, located on Carnegie Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio.

Seventy-one were served at the installation dinner occupying the entire second floor. The dinner was preceded by the cocktail hour from 7 to 8 p.m.

Immediately following the turkey dinner, the newly elected officers of both organizations were assembled in pairs and installed in their respective offices by installing officer Herbert F. Riehl, who performed his task in a highly commendable manner.

The officers for the ensuing year are as follows:

James C. Kilbane—Commander
John Kovach—Senior Vice-Commander (installed in absentia)
Wm. P. Poppalardo—Junior Vice-Commander
Stephen M. Gohring—Treasurer
Walter A. Haak—Secretary
Edward F. Dulude—Trustee
Francis V. Baldo—Historian
John Kobus—Sergeant-at-Arms
E. T. Gonsalves—Chaplain

James C. Kilbane spoke briefly but effectively on the most outstanding events of his life, and listing his installation as one of them, called upon the members for a renewed interest in the organization, a will to do, and a desire to serve—in return for which they would receive his wholehearted cooperation and support.

Respectively submitted,

Walter A. Haak, *Sec.*

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Commander: J. Robert Fleming
311 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona

Secretary: Earl P. Holbrook
1547 West Vernon Ave., Phoenix, Arizona

There isn't very much I could write as secretary of the Phoenix, Arizona Chapter as our activities are nil and so all we do is pay our dues and carry the Y.D. Card. For our $3.00 we do get six issues of Yankee Doings which is worth it to me. Unfortunately we seemed to have lost two of our members and being a long way from Phoenix although in the state I cannot chase after them. Correspondence does not get an answer to quote an unusual remark by a YD man in New Haven at the 1953 Convention: "The Y.D. doesn't need you, you need the Y.D." If that is true then the Y.D. doesn't need members of years standing neither, do they need the odd $1,084.35 from the sale of YD Stamps as reported in the Treasurers report. However it will soon be time for another mailing of the stamps and to shame some of the members into bying them, the names of those who do will be published in "Doings." As many years as this writer can remember every new crop of officers in YD have stressed getting new members but in my humble opinion we never have, even with the inclusion of the World War II boys, maintained a balance to offset the loss of members due to natural causes, say nothing of those who drop year after year unless someone makes it his business to collect the dues personally. I imagine ye editor will delete this in such a way I won't recognize it when it is published in the next issue but it is the personal opinion of the writer and has no bearing on the individual or collective views of the members in the Phoenix Chapter. Our only contact with the YD is through the medium of Doings and I mean the Western Chapters who for quite sometime are not heard from issue to issue. Cohen of Chicago must have thrown in the sponge as has Vetter of Denver. No news from Los Angeles, Cleveland and Detroit except on rare occasions. Looks like we are the YD men the YDVA doesn't need. We of the Phoenix Chapter wish to express our deep and sincere sympathy to those people in New England who suffered from the extreme inclement weather that followed in the wake of an unusual amount of Hurricanes. I sincerely hope that our old friend Al Herman of Norwalk came through O.K.

This will be our last opportunity to wish all our former buddies in New England a joyful Thanksgiving and a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year. May the Hurricanes of the past change their course and go merrily on their way to Russia.

Dinny O'Holbrook, *Sec.*

NATIONAL YD AUXILIARY

President: Mabel Ross, 134 Middle St., Portsmouth, N. H.
Secretary: Laurice J. Harmon, 73 Whipple Rd., Kittery, Maine

National Executive Meeting was held in Worcester, Mass. at the YD Club on September 18 at 3 P.M.

Meeting was opened according to form.

A motion was accepted that all members show due cards at National meetings and also when Officers names are called they should stand and be recognized.

Elloween Anderson donated a crochet pillow which was raffled and a sum of money realized.

A motion by Minnie Gilliam and seconded by Carrie Rowell that Junior Vice President, Mrs. Elloween Anderson, 139 Concord Way, Portsmouth, N. H. and only the Junior Vice President be allowed to run raffles, and if any Auxiliary or person wishes to donate a raffle it must be sent to the Junior Vice President.

She will also be allowed to run one large raffle to be drawn at Convention.

Past National President, Florence Tarleton purchased an watch with the gift of money she received.

A very good representation of both Y.D. men and women attended the Memorial Service held at Rindge, N. H. on September 11th.

National Executive Meeting of the Y.D.V.A. Auxiliary was held October 15, 1955, at the Elks Club in Bristol, Conn.

Meeting was called to order at 4 P.M., by President Mabel Ross.

In spite of the weather there was a good attendance.

Viola Wieler gave a good report on Publicity and Florence Premo on Civil Defense.

Sue Herman presented the Auxiliary a very pretty Stoll to be raffled off to purchase an article to be raffled at Convention.

This is under the direction of Junior Vice President Elloween Anderson.

Several attended the testimonial for Past National Commander James Meikle.

We are very glad to know that Connecticut is getting back to normal.

November has arrived, time is passing fast with many things yet to be done. I only hope I can do all that is yet to be done.

Our National Commander Clarence Anderson, his wife Elloween, and my National Secretary Laurice Harmon

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COMMENTS ON HISTORY

Att: Mr. H. Guy Watts:

Dear Sir,

I feel that a few lines would not be amiss to thank you for the expeditiousness in getting to me the History of the 26th which arrived in time for graduation, at which time my son Robert received his masters degree in Electrical engineering.

He was highly elated upon receiving this history, being a gift that he will always treasure, and when his two children get a bit older, they too will enjoy reading of the exploits of this crack Division.

I want you to know, also, that the History is well worth the $5.75 and is accurate in every detail according to my son.

Two of his comrades, who also served with the 26th, reside in this area. I plan to contact them and will tell them of this wonderful book. They may want to purchase it.

I did not send you the application for membership in the Yankee Division Veterans Ass'n since dates and other information were not available at the time. However, this may reach you at a later day.

Again, I say thanks for your fine cooperation, wishing you the best of life's offerings.

Sincerely yours,

R. B. Hanson

P. S.—The three decorations held by my son are the Combat badge. The Croix de guerre and the Bronze medal. In the history he is not listed as a bronze medal winner but says the reason for this is the award was made after the published list was made up.

Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year

HAVE YOU PAID FOR YOUR YD STAMPS?

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have traveled many miles together. We have been entertained and have enjoyed every minute of it.

We attended the testimonial to the Past State President Stella Lavallee of Northampton, Mass. and had a wonderful time. On Sunday we traveled to the Cathedral of the Pines in Ridge, N. H. It was wonderful to see so many of the Y.D. men and there wives. If you have never been there it is well worth your time to make the trip to see what a Mother and Father can do to show their love of one who has joined the Great Beyond.

We attended the testimonial to our good friend Past National President Florence Tarleton of Haverhill, Mass., a good number was there and all had a wonderful time.

We went to Bristol, Conn., for our National meeting and on the same day attended the testimonial to our good Past National Commander Jim Meikle. It is such a pleasure to see so many attend and wish all our past National and State officers good luck, hope they will carry on as before.

A boat would have come in handy while visiting in Connecticut.

We attended the 37th Memorial Services and dinner dance at the Oxford Club in Lynn, Mass. The Lynn Chapter is to be commended for the efforts that they have put into keeping ALIVE the memories of our departed Comrades. I am most grateful for there invitation for my husband and myself to be their guests and for the beautiful floral bouquet they presented me.

Our next meeting to be held in Springfield, Mass. My home city. It is always a pleasure to go to Massachusetts at all times.

Now let us all get together and get our membership built up. Let's see how many we can get in before the end of the year.

Mabel S. Ross,
Nat. Pres. Y.D.V.A. Aux.

DEPT. OF NEW HAMPSHIRE YDVA AUXILIARY

President: Mabel Ross
134 Middle St., Portsmouth, N. H.

Secretary: Laurice J. Harmon
73 Whipple Rd., Kittery, Maine

Regular meeting State Department of New Hampshire Y.D.V.A. Auxiliary was called to order by Senior Vice President Antonette Morton of Nashua, in the absence of President Mabel Ross.

It was voted to present a Y.D. History to the libraries of Portsmouth, Nashua, and Manchester and one also to the Veterans' Hospital at Manchester, N. H.

On October 23rd., at the Legion Home, Nashua, N. H., President Mabel Ross called the meeting in order at 2:30 P.M.

President Mabel Ross brought a report before the group that she had visited the Soldiers' Home at Tilton, N. H.

The State Department will visit the home on December 4th. with entertainment, treat of cigarettes and candy; also any donation will be acceptable. They will be grateful for any help that can be given them.

There are several who plan to attend the Memorial at Camp Bartlett on November 6th.

Laurice J. Harmon,
State Dept. Sec.

MAJ. GEN. CLARENCE R. EDWARDS CHAPTER AUXILIARY

President: Gertrude Wood
Palmer Avenue, Kittery, Maine

Secretary: Laurice J. Harmon
73 Whipple Rd., Kittery, Maine

The fall meeting was held Friday evening. It was voted to donate to the Flood Relief fund. A lunch was served by Ellowean Anderson and Bertha Huntress.

A placque was presented in Memoriam of William B. Harmon who was Senior Vice Commander of the Chapter at the time of his death, to Mrs. Harmon, by National Commander Clarence Anderson in behalf of the Chapter and Mr. Frank Martell.

On October 7, 1955, at the regular meeting it was voted to give to the Red Feather.

Several attended the Testimonial for Past National Commander James Meikle at the Elks Club, Bristol, Conn.

Past Commander Dana Huntress of our own Chapter is reported ill. Do hope he will soon be in his usual health.

On November 4th., our National President Mabel Ross reported on her visit to the Soldier's Home at Tilton, N. H. The State Department of New Hampshire and the Auxiliaries have decided to go there in a body and take entertainment and gifts.

As we are Army and this is a Soldiers Home we feel we should do something there.

They need clothing and any of the luxuries of life.

Our Christmas Party will be held on December 9th as the Ball in Boston comes on our regular meeting.

Committee for our Christmas Party will be National President Mabel Ross and Gertrude Drusendahl.

Laurice J. Harmon, *Sec.*

YDVA AUXILIARY OF PHILADELPHIA

President: Kay Gallagher
105 Garth Road, Oreland, Pa.

Secretary: Marge Dollarton
4503 Tudor St., Philadelphia 36, Pa.

We missed Emma Frazier at our meeting on Monday, October 17, but she had a very good excuse, she was

marooned in Bridgeport, Conn., by the recent flood. She went for a week-end visit, but was forced to stay a week, for circumstances entirely beyond her control.

Bill Drollinger is now working near Baltimore, Md., and Marge and her little trio will be moving down there shortly. Marge is our Treasurer, and is still going to attend the monthly meetings, so we won't have to make any sad "farewells."

Our last meeting was held at the home of Marge Drollinger. One of her neighbors demonstrated the Da-Sel line of clothing and lingerie. The profits from that demonstration and any future bookings will go into our Treasury.

Since this is the last issue before the end of the year, we of the Philadelphia Chapter wish all of our members in every Chapter and Auxiliary a glorious Christmas and the happiest of New Year.

Marge Dollarton, *Sec.*

DEPT. OF MASS. AUXILIARY

President: Mrs. Signe M. Nute
2 Preston St., Worcester, Mass.

Secretary: Mrs. Florence C. Goodwin
37 Wellington St., Worcester, Mass.

On the 13th of August, this year, State Department Auxiliary President Signe M. Nute attended the annual summer picnic of the Worcester Auxiliary unit, YDVA; at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gilliam. And although there was threatening weather, there was a goodly crowd on hand for the event. All of the members or guests who were present enjoyed themselves very much, as Mr. and Mrs. Gilliam are always fine hosts . . . no matter what the weather.

The first regular meeting of the fall season for the State Department Auxiliary unit was held at the Northampton Hotel on Saturday afternoon, Sept. the 10th, at 2 P.M. . . . amongst a quaint setting of antiques that are prevalent throughout the hotel. September the 10th was to be the date for the Testimonial Dinner for Past State Department President Stella Lavallee, sponsored by Northampton Chapter, YDVA; and its Auxiliary . . . and the State Department Auxiliary held its meeting to coincide with this affair. The dinner was held at 6:30 P.M., and a very fine crowd of YD people turned out: among whom were National Commander Clarence Anderson, and Mrs. Anderson, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. It was reported that all present had a most enjoyable evening.

State Department President Signe Nute attended a special ceremony, at the Chelsea Soldiers Home, Quigley Memorial Hospital, on Wednesday, September the 28th, at 7:45 P.M., where she was presented a Meritorious Certificate for the State Department Auxiliary, YDVA; for their fine work at the hospital there, in Chelsea, during the past year. General William J. Keville, Chairman of the Trustee Board made the presentation.

Whereas there was to be a Testimonial Dinner for Past National President Florence Tarleton, of Haverhill, sponsored by Haverhill Chapter, and its Auxiliary; the State Department, Men's unit, and its Auxiliary conducted its October meeting, on Saturday, October the 1st, at 2 P.M. Then, at night, the dinner was conducted at DiBurro's Restaurant; with the old 'YD' standby, PNC Cowboy Jim Sullivan, as Master of Ceremonies . . . and there is none better, in the YDVA. At this dinner there was a very large crowd in attendance . . . with PNC James F. B. Meikle, of Unionville, Conn., and Mrs. Meikle attending. National Commander Clarence Anderson, who also attended; declared that New York City was a good possibility, as a convention site for next year.

At the State Department meeting in the afternoon, Junior Vice President Marie McDonald, of Boston, announced her plans to donate 5 dollars, as a consolation prize; for our Raffle of three lovely pieces of luggage . . . so that all who participate, will have 2 chances of winning on each ticket.

There was a fine Coffee-Hour conducted at the new Soldiers Home, at Holyoke, Mass., on Sunday, November 6th, at 2 P.M., previous to which, many of the men who were veterans of the 104th Infantry Regiment, in either WW-I or WW-II; attended the annual Armistice Day Memorial Exercises at Apremont Park, in Westfield, Mass., at 11 A.M., and afterwards, dined at the now-famous Yankee Pedlar restaurant, in Holyoke. Over 100 patients and their guests were fed at the Coffee-Hour. and at this time, President Signe Nute wishes to thank all Auxiliary units within the State Department, for their contributions and their work towards making the program at the hospital, on the above-mentioned November date such a success. Following the refreshment program, at the Hospital Canteen; the Auxiliary unit held its meeting, in the, or rather, one of the many lounges . . . in the hospital: This was at, approximately 3:30 P.M. . . . and the Department was honored to have National President Mabel Ross, and wife of the National Commander, Mrs. Clarence Anderson, as guests for their meeting . . . and hope to have them, or any other National officers, as guests of the Department, again in the future.

President of the State Department Auxiliary, Mrs. Signe Nute, and her Secretary, Mrs. Florence Goodwin, at this time, wish to say: A Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to all units of the Yankee Division Veterans Association, and all its Auxiliaries, and members. It is hoped by the above-named officers that all will have a much more prosperous year in 1956.

Respectfully yours,

Florence Goodwin, *Sec.*

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

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BATTERY "E" 101st F. A. REUNION

On October 22nd., members of Battery E, 101st Field Artillery held a reunion at Hotel Edison and former members of the Battery and their wives enjoyed a catered dinner and a fine program. A. Raymond Doucette permanent chairman was M.C. and present with their wives were permanent secretary Edmond Trudell and Arthur Flynn, John LaCasse, Leon Varnam, Thomas Curran, Earl Bailey, Joseph Jackman, Albert Horgan, Charles Durkee, George Young, Thomas Hennessey, William Ayers, Theophrase Dube, John Coughlin, Webster Blanchard and William Roome. Telegrams were read from Louis Wheelock and Scotty Douglas from Chicago and Rocky Hill, Ohio.

Next reunion will be held sometime in February at the Sylvania Plant on Loring Ave., Salem, when Joseph Jackman will be in charge.

The Duke.

IRON BATTALION

Members of the IRON BATTALION, 2nd Batt., 101st Inf., A.E.F., attended their 36th annual memorial service for departed comrades in Blessed Sacrament Church, Fall River, Mass., on Sunday, Nov. 13th at 11 A.M. Our late war-time chaplain Msgr. Brig. Gen. Osias Boucher was pastor at this church for 25 years. Marshal of the parade was Gen. Chairman James J. Powers, Co. H., his aides were Gen. Thomas F. Foley, Co. G, Honorary chairman, William F. Shine, Co. E, Leo F. Stankard, Co. F, Col. Francis E. Savage, Co. G, and Capt. James J. Feeley, Co. H.

The Iron Battalion was under the command of Maj. Arthur L. Gavin, Co. H. Ushers at church were members of the battalion under the direction of Anthony Indrisano, Co. H. Col. Savage and Maj. Gavin lighted candles on the altar in memory of our late chaplain and all departed members of the Iron Battalion. Taps were sounded at the end of the services.

Art. Gavin

BATTERY F. 101st F. A.

The 37th annual reunion of Bty. F, 101st F. A., WW-I, was held on Friday evening, Oct. 29th at Earle T. Wardell, Post 12 American Legion home in Beverly, with 40 members of the organization in attendance.

Following the reception, the group enjoyed a talk by Frank J. Doherty and Samuel Wilde on the forthcoming conversion of the telephone company in this district. Arrangements for the programme were made by Mr. John Weinheimer, Jr., manager of the local telephone exchange.

Invited guests in attendance were Mayor Clarence S. Wilkinson, who brought the greetings of the City of Beverly and George A. Parker, former Major in the 101st F.A.

During the business meeting of the group, Andrew A. Zeigler of Syracuse, N. Y., was elected President.

Members of the former battery who passed on during the past year were, Capt. W. P. Tobey, Carroll C. Waldron, Frank G. Dupee and Chester Rogers for whom the members paid a silent tribute.

Arthur P. Gorman is convalescing at his home in Manchester, Mass., and Nelson Cressy is confined in the Hyannis Hospital, Hyannis, Mass., both of whom would appreciate hearing from the gang.

Oh, I must not forget, the boys did not go home on an empty stomach as Phil Browning was chairman of the collation committee and did an admirable job.

Sincerely,

Tommie Wallace pinch hitting for Bob Standley.

101st INFANTRY VETERANS ASSOCIATION

Congratulations are in order to our President Richard P. Sullivan who was appointed to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Crime Commission by our Honorable Governor Christian A. Herter.

A Committee has been formed to meet and consult with Archbishop Richard J. Cushing to complete plans for our Regimental Pontifical Mass. The Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of The Holy Name in the early Spring, and a breakfast after the Mass will also be planned.

One of our Associate Members, Edward J. McCormack, Jr., and also the son of one of the most loved members of the 101st Infantry, Edward "Knocko" McCormack, was recently successfully voted into office as one of the nine Councilors of the City of Boston. Congratulations to you, Eddie!

On October 23rd, 1955, at 6:00 P.M., the Boston Club tendered a testimonial to Past President George F. Johnson. This was a grand and successful party to George who is also an active member of our organization. General Chairmen of this affair were both 101st vets, Angie Mantenuto and Al McPhee. Our President, Dick Sullivan, served as Toastmaster. Other 101st Inf. vets on the Committee were Bill Connors, Marty Sullivan, Ed Kane, Danny DeYesso, Frank Brennan, Danny Hoar, and John Burke.

The March 17th Party is not too far away and a Committee has been named already to plan and prepare for this grand party which this year will be on Saturday Night.

E. CO. 101st INF. VETERANS ASSOC. WWII

At the 1955 101st Inf. Regimental Reunion held in Boston on September 9-10-11, quite a few men of the company attended many of the events, and as usual, much

was discussed. Naturally the subject of golf came up. President Tom Silva took a survey amongst the E. Co. men present, and as a result of writing letters and telephoning, Tom got a tournament started on October 2nd, 1955, at the South Shore Country Club, Hingham, Mass.

The day was beautiful and the course was grand. Ten E. Co. men and an honorary member showed up, so Tom made up a pair of three-somes and a four-some and one caddy. Danny DeYesso lugged and pulled Al McPhee's heavy golf cart which contained Marty Sullivan's extra shoes, two jackets, and two sweaters. Considerable mileage was undertaken by the group to play golf on this Sunday morning.

Chris Rennie from Cotuit	Round trip	110 Mi.
Capt. "Buzz" Brattin from Lynnfield,	Round trip	80 Mi.
Tom Silva from Holliston	Round trip	60 Mi.
Herbie Anderson from Attleboro	Round trip	50 Mi.
George Ogilvie from Attleboro	Round trip	50 Mi.
Danny Antonino from Boston	Round trip	25 Mi.
Danny De Yesso from Boston	Round trip	25 Mi.
Larry Mikulski from Boston	Round trip	25 Mi.
Al McPhee from Boston	Round trip	25 Mi.
Art Ogilvie from Quincy	Round trip	6 Mi.
Marty Sullivan from Weymouth	Round trip	5 Mi.

Just by taking a look at this mileage, you can guess pretty well who was the last to show up. You're right! Marty Sullivan, but he was waiting for Al McPhee to pick him up and Al forgot.

Everyone had a fine time. Some of the scores were good; others not so good. Herbie Anderson scored good, as usual. He got about 72 for the 18 holes which is par for the course. The opposite extreme was Danny Antonino playing his first 18 holes of golf. In fact, the first time Danny had ever hit a golf ball was with the gang that day so naturally he didn't score too good, about 155 for 18 holes. The rest of us were in between these two scores which we will have the readers of this column guess.

Another match will be set up sometime in April or May. All members will be notified of the date and course to be played. Another E. Co. Reunion is planned for the night of the golf match.

Al McPhee, *Sec.*

★★★ TAPS ★★★

JOHN G. O'NEILL, formerly with Bty 'B', 101st . A., died at Milton, Mass., October 5, 1955.

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CHARLES H. GILES, formerly with Co. 'D', 103rd Inf., died at Merrimack, N. H., September 30th, 1955. He was a member of the Nashua Chapter YDVA.

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WILLIAM A. FITZGERALD, formerly with Co. 'A', 101st Inf., died at Winchester, Mass., November 11th, 1955.

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DANIEL CLASBY, formerly with Co. 'F', 101st Inf., WW-I, died at Waltham, Mass., during September, 1955.

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STANLEY M. McLEOD, formerly with 'K' Co., 101st Inf., WW-I, died at Belmont, Mass., on October 5th, 1955.

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MAURICE E. DOOLAN, formerly with Co. 'A', 102nd MG Bn., died at Rutland, Vt., October 11, 1955. He was a member of the Rutland Chapter.

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WILLIAM F. HALLORAN, formerly with Bty 'A', 102nd F. A., WW-I, died during 1955, at Lawrence, Mass.

ADOLPH DUBE, formerly with Co. 'I', 103rd Inf., WW-I, died at Nashua, N. H., October 13, 1955. He was a former member of the Nashua Chapter.

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LEIGHTON S. VOORHEES, formerly with HQRF, 102nd M.G. Bn., WW-I, died at Weymouth, Mass., August 19, 1955. He was a former member of the Boston Chapter.

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LAWRENCE P. MacDONALD, formerly with Co. 'B', 101st Eng., WW-I, died at Cambridge, Mass., October 26, 1955. He was a former member of the Boston Chapter.

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BERNARD J. KAPISH, formerly with Co. 'B', 101st Inf., WW-II, died at Hazelton, Penn., on October 28, 1955.

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WILLIAM E. HOLT, formerly with Co. 'I', 104th Inf., WW-I, died at Rutland, Mass., November 10, 1955. He was a member of the Northampton Chapter.

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MARTIN F. CASHMAN, formerly with Bty 'F', 102nd F. A., WW-I, died at Lowell, Mass., August 1955.

HARRY MALLEY, formerly with Co. 'H', 104th Inf., WW-I, died at Worcester, Mass., November 4, 1955. He was a member of the Worcester Chapter.

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PAUL G. EVERSON, formerly with HQ., 51st F. A. Brigade, WW-I, died at Providence, R. I., November 3, 1955. He was a member of the Providence Chapter.

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ROBERT C. DAVIES, formerly with Co. 'B', 101st Signal Bn., WW-I, died at Framingham, Mass., September 24, 1955.

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EARLAND J. SHERMAN, formerly with Co. 'D', 101st Inf., WW-II, died November 7, 1955, at New Bedford, Mass.

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RIGHT REV. MONSIGNOR THOMAS J. TEMPLE, Past National Chaplain of the YDVA, died at New York City, October 27, 1955. He was a member of the New York Chapter and the New York Chapter was well represented at the services. He had been pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church, New York City since 1944. He served with HQ Train and 26th Military Police during WW-I.

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THOMAS J. BURNS, formerly with HQRS, Division Headquarters, WW-I, died recently in New York City. He was a former member of the New York Chapter.

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ROBERT D. NASH, formerly with HQRS, 104th Inf., WW-II, died suddenly by accident, at Westfield, Mass., November 9, 1955. He served with 104th Inf. in WW-II, and was Chief mechanic of the Service Co. 104th Inf. in the present National Guard Division. He was a member of the Springfield Chapter.

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ANDREW ST. GERMAIN, formerly with 101st Trench Mortar Bn., died at Lewiston, Me., recently.

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HENRY F. AMBROSE, Bugler, formerly with Bty 'A', 102nd F. A., WW-I, died at Haverhill, Mass., November 1, 1955. William Wood, John McNeive and George Murphy, Bty A Commander, assisted as bearers.

The following deaths have been reported by Larry Wagner, Adjutant of the 104th Inf. Vets. Assoc.: THOMAS J. COLLINS, Co. 'D', 104th, WW-I, died May 23, 1955, at Holyoke, Mass.; HENRY L. FISHER, Co. 'H', 104th, WW-I, died June 23, 1955, at Holyoke, Mass.; HENRY RICHARDS, Co. 'D', 104th, WW-I, died August 1, 1955, at South Hadley, Mass.; PATRICK W. DUCEY, Co. 'D', 104th, at Holyoke, Mass.; JOHN F. MARSHALL, Co. 'L', 104th, WW-I, died September 12, 1955, at New York City; EDWIN A. SHELDON, Co. 'K', 104th, WW-I, died August 2, 1955, at Peabody, Mass.; DAVID PRIESTLEY, formerly with MG Co., 101st Inf., WW-I, died suddenly November 22, 1955, at Brookline, Mass.

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JOSEPH W. JOHNSON, formerly with Bty 'A', 102nd F. A. Bn., WW-II, died at Peabody, Mass., May 27, 1955.

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CHENEY AUSTIN, formerly with Battery 'D', 103rd F. A., WW-I, died October 13, 1955, at Manchester, N. H.

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ELDEGE, CUDDY-CODERRE, formerly with Co. 'B', 103rd Mg. Bn., died at Providence, R. I., recently. He was a member of the Pawtucket Chapter.

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